

## REINFORCED TURKS CLAIM CZAR CHECKED

A Constantinople Despatch Says That Russians Have Been Halted Along the Entire Front, but Petrograd Asserts Operations Are Proceeding Favorably

## GREAT IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO BATTLE

Great Britain Insists That Report of Allies' Offensive in Greece Is Unfounded—No Confirmation of Reports Concerning It from German Sources

Further news was received to-day concerning the campaign in the Caucasus, where the Russians recently began an offensive over a wide front and were admitted to have been making progress against the Turks. Constantinople now announces that the Turkish armies resisting the Russian advance have been reinforced and have checked the Russians along the entire front. Petrograd, however, claims that the Caucasus campaign is developing favorably to the Russians. Importance is attached to these operations because, though they are apparently isolated, military observers say they must be considered in connection with the Mesopotamia campaign.

Little new light has been thrown on the happenings in Greece where reports of strong offensive movements on the part of the entente allies came from German sources yesterday. A London despatch stated last night that the British foreign office declared it had no news confirmatory of the German report and believed them to be unfounded.

## SAYS MONTENEGRO WOULDN'T ACCEPT AUSTRIA'S OFFER

French Report Has It That Conditions Imposed Were Unacceptable and That King, Royal Family and Diplomatic Corps Are On Way to Italy.

Paris, Jan. 19.—The official statement issued to-day said: "The wireless news of the surrender of the Montenegrin army appears somewhat premature. It is now announced from another source that the negotiations between Austria and Montenegro have been broken, the condition of surrender imposed by Austria having been found quite unacceptable by Montenegro. The king, royal family and diplomatic corps are about to proceed to Italy."

## STEAMER RYNDAM IS NOW AGROUND

No One Is Allowed to Leave the Vessel and As Yet the Nature of Her Damage Has Not Been Reported.

London, Jan. 19.—The steamship Ryndam of the American line is aground at Gravesend, and the extent of her damage is not yet reported. An examination is being made. Meanwhile no passengers or crew are allowed to leave the vessel.

The Ryndam left New York on January 5 for Rotterdam. A report yesterday said she had passed Southend Downs by her bow listed to starboard. It said the passengers were saved but three stokers were killed. The nature of the accident was not announced.

## EMPEROR WILLIAM ARRIVES AT NISH

Germany's Ruler Held Conference with King Ferdinand of Bulgaria and Greeting Was Cordial.

London, Jan. 19.—A dispatch from Nish says that Emperor William was there yesterday and met King Ferdinand of Bulgaria. It said their greeting was cordial and they reviewed the Bulgarian, Macedonian and German troops.

Official announcement was made in Berlin Sunday that the emperor had recovered his health and returned to the front.

## TEUTONIC FINANCES TO BE DISCUSSED

Finance Ministers of the Countries Will Meet in Vienna to Consider the Projects.

London, Jan. 19.—An Amsterdam dispatch says a conference of the finance ministers of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria will be held next week at Vienna. The chief purpose is said to be a discussion of the financial position of the Teutonic allies and the adoption of measures to meet certain contingencies.

## GREAT BRITAIN TELLS OF GERMAN ACTS

And Asks Wherein Germany Can Show Surprise at Action Taken in the Baralong Case.

London, Jan. 19.—The British official view on the German note regarding the Baralong case was given out last night as follows: "The Germans claim that their army and navy have observed during the present war the principles of international law and humanity and that the German authorities take care that all violations will be carefully investigated and punished."

"Some surprise is expressed that the nation whose armed forces have been responsible for the sack of Louvain, the murder of hundreds of unoffending men, women and children on the Lusitania and other ships, the execution of Edith Cavell, the introduction of poisonous gases, the poisoning of wells, attempted torpedoing of hospital ships and countless atrocities, should describe their methods of warfare as humane."

"It is further pointed out that it would be interesting to know how many German subjects, if any, have been punished for these atrocities. The Germans claim that the Arabic was torpedoed because the commander of the submarine had the conviction that the Arabic was about to ram the submarine. The true facts are that the Arabic was deliberately sunk by a German submarine without warning and that she neither attempted to attack the submarine nor escape from it."

"With regard to the destruction of the British submarine E-13 in Danish waters by a German torpedo boat destroyer, it is claimed that it came to a fight between the war vessels and that the submarine defended itself with gunfire. The true facts are as follows:

"The Germans found the submarine stranded in neutral waters and incapable of either offense or defense. The German destroyer fired a torpedo at the E-13. The torpedo exploded close to her. At the same moment the German destroyer fired with all her guns, and the commander of the E-13, whose submarine was afloat and who was unable to defend himself owing to being abandoned, gave orders to the crew to abandon her. While the men were in the water they were fired on by machine guns and with shrapnel."

"On Feb. 4, the German government declared their intention of instituting a general submarine blockade of Great Britain and Ireland with the avowed purpose of cutting off all supplies from these islands and this blockade was put into effect on Feb. 18."

"It was only on March 11 that the British government put into force, as a means of reprisals, measures against German trade, which the German government now try to maintain were the cause of their submarine policy."

"The Germans maintain that in the case of the Arabic, the E-13 and the Ruel they were aiming at the destruction only of hostile ships, and in no wise the destruction of helpless persons. The death roll of the Arabic, the shelling of British sailors as they were swimming ashore after abandoning the E-13, and the firing on the crew of the Ruel who were attempting to save themselves in the boats, sufficiently answer this claim."

"With regard to the German refusal to submit the Baralong case and the three cases put forward by the British government for investigation by an impartial tribunal, this action seems hard to explain if the Germans are really so convinced as they say of the guilt of the British commander and the innocence of the perpetrators of the three outrages cited by the British government."

"So far as Great Britain is concerned it is entirely untrue to state that the British government have left unfiled a just demand for investigation. They have proposed it, and it is the Germans who have rejected it, doubtless because they know full well that the cases in which they are defendants would be decided against them by any impartial tribunal."

## GERMAN CASUALTIES TO DATE TOTAL 2,535,760 MEN

According to Statement in House of Commons by British Official Who Adds That 558,986 Were Killed.

London, Jan. 19.—Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary for war, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the total German casualties as published in Berlin to date total 2,535,760. Of this number, he said 558,986 were killed.

## BLAME EDISON'S NEW BATTERY

Gas Generated by It Is Claimed to Be Cause of E-2's Accident.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—Gas generated by the new Edison storage battery, and ignited by a spark of unknown origin, is held responsible for the explosion on submarine E-2 at the New York navy yard Saturday in a report to Secretary Daniels yesterday by the board of inquiry. This board made an investigation preliminary to that now being conducted by the naval court of inquiry to determine the cause of the disaster in which five men lost their lives and nine were seriously injured.

Only one of the survivors was examined by the board, as the others were not in a condition to testify. Consequently the report is regarded by the secretary as inconclusive.

## TO BEGIN TOUR NEXT MONTH.

President Wilson Will Carry National Defense Fight to People.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—President Wilson's first speaking trip to carry his national defense fight before the country will begin in February and probably will cover the middle-western states.

## RE-APPOINTED FOR FIVE YEARS.

L. B. Johnson to the State Board of Education.

Gov. Gates has re-appointed Luther B. Johnson of Randolph as a member of the state board of education for a period of five years.

## AMEND SUIT FOR BIG LOSSES

Minority Stockholders of the New Haven R. R. File a Declaration

## \$102,000,000 SOUGHT IN NAME OF COMPANY

Claim Present Directors Refuse to Press the Suit

Boston, Jan. 19.—The minority stockholders of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, who are suing the former directors to recover \$102,000,000 for losses alleged to have been incurred by the company in unprofitable and improper purchases to-day filed an amendment to the suit seeking the right to proceed in the name of the corporation itself. They claim that the present directors of the company refuse to press such a suit on account of their friendliness for their predecessors.

The amendment charges the present directors caused the corporation to defend the present suit which was aimed at former officials of the company.

## SEVEN U. S. SOLDIERS TAKEN CAPTIVE BY MEXICANS

Members of 7th Cavalry Reported at Douglas, Ariz., To Have Been Captured and Cowboys Are Scouring the Territory in New Mexico.

Douglas, Ariz., Jan. 19.—Seven soldiers of the 7th U. S. cavalry were captured to-day by Mexican bandits south of Hachita, N. M., according to a report received here. The surrounding country is being scoured by cowboys, hunting the bandits.

## IS NOT READY TO MEET DEMANDS OF SENATOR FALL'S RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATE AFFAIRS IN MEXICO.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—After a conference with President Wilson, Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, found that the information sought in the Fall resolution was not ready. He said he would ask the committee to consider the nomination of Henry P. Fletcher as ambassador to Mexico but was not ready for confirmation before the information demanded had been submitted.

The state department has been officially informed of the execution of Jose Rodriguez and Miguel Baen Valles. Secretary Lansing had announced that proof of the punishment of the bandits involved in the murder of the Americans would be required.

## \$250,000,000 ORDERS FOR UNITED STATES

Representatives of French and Italian Syndicates Are Reported to Be On the Way to Place the Contract.

New York, Jan. 19.—The National Surety company has been advised that representatives of French and Italian syndicates are en route to this country to purchase supplies at an estimated value of \$250,000,000 for use after the war. The supplies wanted include products from many manufacturing plants, also provisions.

## STRANGE THROAT MALADY IN FAMILY

Two Already Dead, Another May Die, and Four Others Have Been Ill with the Disease.

East Lyndon, Jan. 19.—A strange throat infection is going through the family of Henry J. Carter, who lives on a farm in this place. All the family have been afflicted with the disease except the mother, including Mr. Carter, six sons and one daughter, who have been ill for two weeks.

The father, aged 51 years, died a week ago. Ora died Monday. Francis, aged 18, is so seriously ill that it is not expected he can live. The others are getting along, so they may recover. The father's case developed into pneumonia. Physicians are unable to diagnose the malady.

## HAD BEEN MURDERED.

Body of Man Was Found in Woods Near Concord, Mass.

Concord, Mass., Jan. 19.—A murder was disclosed yesterday with the finding of a man's body in the woods near Concord Junction. The man, a laborer believed to be Joseph Morelli, had been killed with a razor or knife. There were many slashes in the neck. Medical Examiner Wolcott said there was no doubt the case was one of murder and so reported to Chief of Police William Craig. The latter called upon the state police for assistance in the investigation, which was begun yesterday afternoon.

Morelli, who had been missing since Saturday night when the murder is believed to have been committed, was an employee of the American powder mills in Acton. The place where he was found was on the way to his home, indicating to the authorities that he had been waylaid, and perhaps robbed.

## VERMONT'S MAPLE PRODUCTS BOOMED

State's Publicity Agents Meet Officers of Maple Sugar Makers' Association and Discuss Plans for Giving Greater Publicity to the Product.

Ways and means to aid in giving Vermont's maple products due publicity were discussed at Montpelier yesterday at a meeting of officers of the Maple Sugar Makers' association, with Walter H. Crockett and Secretary of State Guy W. Bailey and J. P. Taylor of Burlington. Among those present representing the association were President A. A. Carleton of Newbury, Secretary H. F. Chapin of Middlesex, Treasurer Merrifield of Newfane and H. W. Wall of Randolph.

The association seeks to increase the market for pure maple products of good quality, and to this end plans were formulated, which may be carried out after consideration of their worth. It was suggested that Mr. Crockett might issue a new edition of the maple sugar bulletin which he edited some time ago for the agricultural college, and another suggestion which met favor was that of having printed in colors a pamphlet showing the different grades of maple sugar and syrup.

As an indication of what may eventually be expected, Mr. Crockett reported having received a letter from a big grocery house asking for information relative to the placing of an order for 10,000 gallons of syrup and 6,000 pounds of sugar, all of the best quality obtainable. Those attending the conference expressed the belief that it was a good sign of what may be expected of big buyers in the future.

Several other plans were taken up, and it is probable that a second meeting will be held to take definite steps toward the end desired.

## A WOMAN HIGHLY ESTEEMED.

Mrs. Florence E. Guptil Was Well Known in Waterbury.

Waterbury, Jan. 19.—Mrs. Florence E. Guptil, widow of Walter Guptil, died early this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward H. Jones, in Waterbury, where she had been staying during the past few weeks in the hopes that she might be benefited in health. The body will be brought from Waterbury to her home in this town and the funeral will be held there Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Guptil was born in Richmond 46 years ago next April, being the daughter of Carl and Hannah (Towne) Stevens. In her early life the family moved to the Little River neighborhood in this town, and she gained her education in the public schools and at the seminary in Waterbury Center. When 17 years of age she married Walter Guptil and they went to live on a place near Collyville. Mr. Guptil died 21 years ago, since which time Mrs. Guptil has lived in Waterbury, where she was employed in the oversight of her farm and brought up her children. She was considered one of the town's smartest business women and was highly esteemed by all. She was a member of the Methodist church, was on the official board and was a teacher in the Sunday school. She also belonged to the Flavian club, and it was at her hospitable home that the members of the club were wont to hold a maple sugar party each spring.

Mrs. Guptil leaves five children, as follows: Myrtle, wife of Edward H. Jones of Waterbury; Stephen Guptil of Barre, who is employed in the Smith & Cummings store; Carl Guptil, employed in a Bessey store in New Haven, Conn.; Clayton Guptil, employed by the Singer Sewing Machine company in Central America; and Miss Mary Guptil, a member of the class of 1916 in Waterbury college. She also leaves four grandchildren and one brother, Albert Stevens of Richmond.

## FROZEN BODY FOUND.

John T. Cone of Bennington Had Died in His Home.

Bennington, Jan. 19.—John T. Cone, who lived alone on a farm in the western part of the town, was found dead in bed yesterday by Martin Craven, the nearest neighbor. The body was frozen and it is presumed that the man had been dead since Saturday night. The two men were in the village together Saturday afternoon.

Upon Cone's request, Craven fed the stock Saturday evening before proceeding to his own home. Sunday morning Craven called at the house but was unable to gain admittance and after again feeding the stock he returned home. Craven did not visit the place Monday but yesterday becoming suspicious that all was not right he forced an entrance and found Cone dead upon the bed. Since the death of his father two years ago, Cone had lived alone on the place.

## W. W. STICKNEY RE-ELECTED President of the Vermont Historical Society—Ten New Members.

Ex-Gov. W. W. Stickney of Ludlow was re-elected president. Resolutions were adopted on the death of Joseph A. DeBoer, an officer of the society, and ten new members were admitted at the annual meeting of the Vermont Historical Society, held at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the State House.

The other officers elected were: Vice-presidents, Fred A. Howland of Montpelier, T. N. Vail of Lyndon, C. P. Smith of Burlington; recording secretary, Phil S. Howes of Montpelier; corresponding secretary, Norman B. E. Kent of Montpelier; and Walter H. Crockett of Burlington; treasurer, Henry F. Field of Rutland.

Aside from the routine business, including the consideration and acceptance of reports, it was voted to purchase a portrait of the late Joseph A. DeBoer.

## DIED AT MARSHFIELD.

Abel Beckley Had Reached the Age of 86 Years.

Marshfield, Jan. 19.—Abel Beckley passed away yesterday afternoon at the advanced age of 86. He had been in feeble health for several years, suffering from the infirmities of age and general weakness. He leaves his wife, one son, M. E. Beckley of Groton, and three daughters, Miss Carrie Beckley, who resides at home, Mrs. Anna Bassett of Barre and Mrs. Charles Johnson of this town. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a. m. from his late home.

## FIRE WAS HELD TO ONE BLOCK

West Rutland Sustained a \$10,000 Loss This Morning

## WOODEN BUILDINGS ON EITHER SIDE

Volunteer Firemen Did Good Work in Saving Them—Cause of Fire Unknown

Rutland, Jan. 19.—The P. F. O'Neil block in West Rutland was gutted by a fire which started at 6 o'clock this morning from an origin as yet undetermined. The volunteer fire department saved the wooden buildings on either side of the O'Neil building and the loss is \$10,000. The property was well insured. The burned building was of three stories and a wood construction. Its occupants included T. Costa, a fruit dealer, Leonard R. Noble's Law office and a boy's club.

## WAS BORN IN CABOT.

William S. Abbott Died in Barre This Morning.

William S. Abbott of North Main street, formerly a Barre granite manufacturer, passed away at the City hospital this morning at 1 o'clock. Mr. Abbott had been in declining health for several weeks and Sunday his condition became so serious that he was removed to the hospital. He is survived by a son, Raymond, Abbott of Cabot, a brother, Walter Abbott, who lives in Cabot, and three sisters, Mrs. Chester Walker and Mrs. Orel Barrett of Cabot and Mrs. C. A. Badger of East Montpelier.

Mr. Abbott was nearly 60 years old and had been a resident of Barre for upward of a quarter-century. He was a native of East Cabot and after completing the studies in the Cabot schools he attended Peacham academy, from which institution he was graduated. As a young man he learned the granite cutters' trade and for several years he was associated with the late William Carpenter in the granite business, the firm of Carpenter & Abbott having shed quarters in Burnham's meadow. Older members of the fire department in Barre will remember Mr. Abbott as a former captain of one of the volunteer companies when the department headquarters was on Prospect street. In later years Mr. Abbott worked for the granite industry and latterly he was affiliated with the truckmen's union in this city.

The remains were taken to the undertaking rooms of A. W. Badger & Co. on North Main street, where the funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

## MANY FLORAL TRIBUTES.

At Funeral of Mrs. Margaret Smith, Held Tuesday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Smith, wife of William M. Smith of 1 First street, who passed away Sunday forenoon, was held at the house Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Barnett, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating. The bearers were: John A. Gray, James M. Taylor, Charles Bisset, John Ellis, John Broderick and Walter F. Lalibee. The remains were taken to Elmwood cemetery, where they are to repose in the vault until spring, when interment will be made elsewhere.

## APPRECIATIVE WORDS FOR LATE J. A. DEBOER

Were Spread Upon the Records of the National Life Insurance Company at the Annual Meeting.

"Joseph Arend DeBoer, president of the company since 1902 and an official of the company for over twenty-six years, died at Montpelier on December 25. In the thirteen years of his term as president the company has increased its assets from \$22,284,263.37 to \$63,828,704.08, the insurance force from \$108,574,050 to \$206,987,121, the annual payments to annuitants from \$34,749.05 to \$568,762.16, the general surplus from \$730,218.15 to \$3,322,652.97, and the annual dividend payments to policyholders from \$137,996.42 to \$1,234,246.56; investments have been made amounting to \$109,958,809.74 without loss through default of principal or interest; the rate of interest earned on mean invested funds has advanced from 4.97 per cent to 5.11 per cent; 78 per cent of the insurance in force has been brought to the basis of a 3 per cent interest assumption; the writing of non-participating and deferred dividend policies has been discontinued; the policy forms have been liberalized and additional benefits extended to old policyholders; and the agency force has been materially strengthened."

"These evidences of progress, substantial as they are, fall far short of representing the actual development of the company in the period during which President DeBoer's remarkable genius was exercised unflinchingly and with a devotion that knew no limitations in the upholding of a strictly policyholders' company on sound and scientific lines. There is no branch of the business that

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The boy lost his eyesight on the night of September 14, last, when he was shot in the face with a charge of peas from a shotgun while stealing grapes from the Outman garden.

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## RESPONDENT TOO ILL TO APPEAR.

Later Mrs. Amelia Lizzari Will Be Arraigned in Liquor Case.

An untapped barrel of Highland Springs ale and several small-sized packages of whiskey were seized by the police at the residence of Mrs. Amelia Lizzari, 3 Ahern place, last night. When a trio of officers, John S. Murley, Harry Gamble and John W. Dinan, made their appearance on the premises at 8 o'clock there was one delegate, the police say, who sat at the table drinking beer. In addition to the seizure of wet goods, pitchers, glasses and a faucet were taken away by the officers. Mrs. Lizzari was arrested by Officer Murley in connection with the search and seizure warrant issued on a complaint made to Grand Juror William Wislart.

On the respondent's representation that she was unable to make the trip to police headquarters, she was permitted to furnish bail in the sum of \$550 for her appearance at a preliminary hearing to-day. This morning her physician notified Magistrate H. W. Scott that her illness would prevent her appearance in court and the case was accordingly continued, after the woman had been admitted to a renewal of bail.

## ANNIHILATES SPACE AGAIN.

George B. Milne Calls Up from Denver and Chats with Mayor Boutwell.

Mayor James M. Boutwell of Montpelier picked up his telephone receiver shortly before noon to-day and heard the voice of one of his business partners, George B. Milne, speaking to him from far-away Denver, Col. This is the second time within a few weeks that Mr. Milne has indulged in the pleasure of a 3,000-mile talk with people "back home" and he assured Mayor Boutwell that it was "worth \$500 to talk with someone from home." The pleasure was surely mutual in to-day's talk with Mayor Boutwell, as it had been with John H. Jones of Barre on the previous long-distance call.

Mr. Milne inquired of his partner and close friend how things were getting along here and stated that he was feeling better and would be returning to Barre in two or three months. Mayor Boutwell caught the words pretty well but had more trouble making his own words understood in Denver.

## THREE MORE CASES.

There are Now Four Scarlet Fever Patients at Goddard.

Three new cases of scarlet fever developed at Goddard seminary and at a conference of the school authorities, the local health officer and members of the state board of health at the seminary this afternoon it was expected that a decision would be reached as to whether the school would be closed. Dr. H. A. Ladd of Essex Junction and Dr. C. F. Dalton of Burlington, members of the state board, came to-day to confer with Dr. J. W. Stewart, the local health officer. Sessions at the seminary were suspended to-day and a partial quarantine was established. Should the authorities decide to close the school, it is not known whether the students will be allowed to go to their homes.

The students who developed positive symptoms of the malady yesterday are: Miss Ruth Slocum of Washington, Miss Annie Sargent of Warren and Miss Norma Beals, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beals, steward and matron at the seminary. None of the three students is very ill, nor are there any alarming symptoms in the case of Miss Fieda Hassam of East Hardwick, who came down with scarlet fever last week. All four students have been isolated and precautions adopted when the malady appeared have been continued. At the outset it was believed that the malady would be confined to a single case and even now the school authorities do not fear a general epidemic among the students.

## FUNERAL OF LUCY CERASOLI

Was Held at St. Monica's Church Tuesday Afternoon.

Funeral services of Miss Lucy Cerasoli, aged 13, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ercole Cerasoli, who passed away at her home, 32 Foster street, Sunday morning, were held in St. Monica's church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. P. M. McKenna, officiating. The bearers were: Michael Cerasoli, William Smith, Florentino Cerasoli, Joseph Cerasoli, Angelo Cassani and Joseph Cassani. A number of Miss Cerasoli's classmates in the Brook street school attended the services and accompanied the remains to the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street, where interment was made.

Following is a list of the floral tributes: Carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Sanguinetti, Mrs. Mistrangelo, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bianchi, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Keefe, Mrs. J. Coia, John Gasperini, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rostelli, Mr. and Mrs. Campana, Charles Trentini, Mr. and Mrs. M. Keefe, Mr. and Mrs. Berinatti, "Gate Ajar," father and mother, wreath, Mr. and Mrs. E. Spera; star, John Spera; star, Mr. and Mrs. D. Delotto; anchor, Mr. and Mrs. N. Coia; wreath, Bertina and cousin; wreath, Santi Dorazio; heart, S. DeBattista; pillow, Mr. and Mrs. J. Magnoli and Mr. and Mrs. B. Albisetti and children; carnations, Miss Grady and pupils; lilies, sympathy from the meadow girls; carnations and roses, E. Cerasoli and Rosa de Julio.

Among those present from out of the city were: Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Spera and Joseph Spera of Hartford, Conn., and many other relatives.

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## CASH BALANCE OF \$9,109.81 IN CITY TREASURY

End of the Year Finds Barre with Sizeable Amount on Hand Despite Increased Expenditures in Two Departments and a Larger Interest Account

## \$15,044.65 WAS ADDED TO SINKING FUND

Water Department Income Was \$14,481.41 over Expenses and After Paying off One \$5,000 Bond Special Sinking Fund Has Been Established—Many Reports In

Anticipating early calls of "copy, more copy" from the printers, the city council, at its regular meeting last night, waded through 22 departmental reports for 1915, accepted the message of the mayor and transacted a budget of routine business. With commendable diligence the various committees and department heads worked busily a week in preparing their yearly statements with the result that fewer than 10 reports remain to be scrutinized. Without an exception the reports were accepted as submitted and the mass of information ordered spread on the city's year book last night is well calculated to keep the printers, from the devil in his ink-stained jeans to the more elite tickler of linotype keys, busy until the next session of the council.

Among the reports condensed below for quick digestion will be found the following: Chief of police, city engineer, library committee, water superintendent, street superintendent, trustee of cemetery trust funds, cemetery commissioners, water committee, police committee, health committee, fire committee, street committee, wiring inspector, printing committee, health officer, city attorney, and legislative committee. Essential parts of the clerk's yearly statement concerning births and marriages and the annual report of the building inspector have been printed already in The Times.

## The Mayor's Message.

Here is what the mayor says:

"In reviewing the year that is just completed, in its relation to city affairs, I find much to encourage and a little to regret. "The material prosperity of Barre has suffered from interruptions due to the delay in making new working agreements between employer and employee, while the granite industry was tied up for nearly three months the early part of the year. The clerks and merchants were unable to arrive at a working agreement. I believe all agreements between employer and employee should contain provision for the continuation of work pending settlement within a certain period of time, and this failing, the two sides to select their own court of last resort, whose findings should be final and binding."

"While calling attention to these things, I wish to express my appreciation of the work done by Sheriff Frank H. Tracy and his deputies in preserving peace during the agitation incident to the working out of a settlement of the labor disputes last spring. With the single purpose of justice to all, he and his faithful men saw to it that all enjoyed their full rights without interference or hindrance, and when the labors of the officers were concluded there was nothing to be regretted."

"Barre has the happy faculty of soon forgetting its setbacks, and no sooner was work in the granite industry resumed than the future claimed our attention. "Building operations the past year include the construction of new dwellings and new granite plants than for several years past. Four modern granite plants have been erected, three for